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ACCOUNT NUMBER TO THE POTENTIAL CUSTOMER  
ACROSS A GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK

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In response to a Notice of Abandonment mailed October 6, 2006, the Applicant  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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